



BOROUGH OF ST. IVES (HUNTS)

ANNUAL REPORT
OF
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR 1962

ANNUAL REPORT
of the Borough of Saint Ives (Hunts.) for the year ended
31st December, 1962.

To:-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of
Saint Ives (Hunts.).

Your Worship and Members of the Council,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Borough for the year ended 31st December, 1962.

The rise of approximately 200 in the population continued as in the previous few years and in view of the residential development taking place in the Town further increase in the population is to be expected.

The Birth Rate again indicates an upward trend and compares favourably with the County of Huntingdon and also with the Country as a whole. The Death Rate on the other hand while showing a slight rise during the year remains low as compared with the National average.

Notifiable Infectious Disease was minimal in 1962 and the Borough was free of any outbreak of serious infection.

The Council completed a scheme for re-housing Old People in the Town and some twenty-eight dwellings were erected for this purpose. During the year about twenty properties were purchased by the Council for demolition purposes with a view to re-development on the same sites. In addition to this there was considerable private development in the Ramsey Road area which is the developing area of the Town.

The Council are in the process of concluding negotiations for the purchase of land in connection with the Sewerage Scheme and it is hoped that Ministry approval will be forthcoming in order that this long awaited scheme can be commenced.

During the year the Water Storage Tower was completed and solved the water pressure problem in the high parts of the Town and enabled private residential development to be undertaken.

In conclusion I should like to thank Members of the Council for their kindness and consideration to me and to their Officers for all the help they have given me during the year.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

J. CALDWELL,
Medical Officer of Health.



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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	2,326 acres
Rateable value	£194,692
Value of Penny Rate	£262
Number of inhabited houses (approx.)						1,420
Population	...	...	...	...	...	4,320

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births		M.	F.	Total	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	26.2
Legitimate		53	55	108	Comparability Factor	.94
Illegitimate		3	2	5	Corrected Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population	24.6
Total		56	57	113	(Ditto for England and Wales)	18.0
Still Births						Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births
Legitimate		—	1	1		
Illegitimate		—	—	—		
Total		—	1	1	(Ditto for England and Wales)	18.1
Deaths						Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population
All ages		18	22	40	Comparability Factor	1.04
					Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	9.6
					(Ditto for England and Wales)	11.9

The following table indicates the trends in the Birth and Death Rate over the past five years and compares them with those for the County of Huntingdon and for England and Wales.

BIRTH RATE		1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
St. Ives Borough	..	21.8	22.2	24.6	23.1	24.6
County of Huntingdon		19.8	19.6	19.7	20.6	21.6
England and Wales	..	16.4	16.5	17.1	17.4	18.0
DEATH RATE						
St. Ives Borough	..	10.5	9.1	9.0	9.3	9.6
County of Huntingdon		10.1	10.1	10.6	10.1	10.4
England and Wales	..	11.7	11.6	11.5	12.0	11.9
Deaths of infants under 1 year				M.	F.	Total
Legitimate	...	...	...	2	2	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—
				Total	2	2

Death Rates of infants under 1 year.

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	35.4
(Ditto for England and Wales)	...	20.7

CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar General's List)

List No.	Cause		M.	F.
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	0 0
2	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	0 0
3	Syphilitic disease	...	...	0 0
4	Diphtheria	...	...	0 0
5	Whooping cough	...	...	0 0
6	Meningococcal infections	...	...	0 0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	0 0
8	Measles	...	...	0 0
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	0 0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	0 0
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...	...	2 1
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	0 1
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	0 2
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	...	1	1
15	Leukæmia, aleukæmia	...	...	0 0
16	Diabetes	...	...	0 0
17	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	3	4
18	Coronary disease, angina	...	6	2
19	Hypertension with heart disease	...	1	1
20	Other heart disease	...	0	2
21	Other circulatory disease	...	1	1
22	Influenza	...	0	0
23	Pneumonia	...	1	0
24	Bronchitis	...	1	0
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	0	0
26	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum	...	0	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	0	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	0	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	0	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	...	1	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	0	3
33	Motor vehicle accidents	...	0	0
34	All other accidents	...	1	2
35	Suicide	...	0	0
36	Homicide and operations of war	...	0	0
Total all causes				18 22

TUBERCULOSIS

AGE PERIODS	New Cases—Diagnosed				New Cases—Transfers			
	Respiratory		Non-Res.		Respiratory		Non-Res.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0
I
5
10
15
20
25	I	I	..	..	..
35
45	I	..	..	..	..
55
65 and upwards
Totals	..	2	I	0	0	0	0	0

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1952, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

							Total Cases Notified
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Infective Hepatitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
					Total	...	17

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(a) **Laboratory Facilities**

The following Laboratory Facilities have been available to this Authority and to General Practitioners in the area:—

Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 55526.

Public Analyst, (S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C.), Tenison Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 2097.

(b) **Ambulance Services**

Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service, operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service, have been available on doctor's orders. Tel.: Huntingdon 348.

(c) **Home Nursing**

A Nurse/Midwife resident in St. Ives (Tel.: St. Ives 2321) employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council carried out Home Nursing and attended Maternity Cases in the Borough.

(d) **Clinics and Treatment Centres**

(i) The following services are provided by the Huntingdon County Council:—

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	3rd Friday in month. 10.30-11.30 a.m.	Health Clinic, Station Approach, St. Ives.
Infant Welfare	Children (0-5 yrs.)	Every Friday. 2-4 p.m.	Ditto.
Dental	Pre-school and schoolchildren. Pre-natal and nursing mothers.	Every Monday 9 a.m.-12 noon. 1.30-4.30 p.m. Every Saturday 9 a.m.-12 noon.	Ditto.

(ii) The following Health Services are provided by the Regional Hospital Board:—

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday. 10 a.m.-12 noon.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Diseases	All cases	Tuesdays, 3-6.30 p.m. Thursdays, 4-6.30 p.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge
	Males	Mondays, 4.30-6.30 p.m. Tuesdays, 5.30-7 p.m.	Out-Patients Department, Memorial Hospital, Peterborough.
	Females and Children	Tuesdays, 10.30-12 noon Thursdays, 4.30-6.30 p.m.	
Orthopaedic	Pre-school and schoolchildren	1st, 2nd and 4th Fridays in month (Sister) 10 a.m.-12 noon.	Health Clinic, Station Approach, St. Ives

(iii) The following service is provided under the Supplementary Ophthalmic Scheme of the National Health Service:—

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and schoolchildren	1st and 3rd Fridays in month (by appointment except in emergency). 10 a.m.-12 noon. 2-3 p.m.	Health Clinic, Nursery Road, Huntingdon

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Skin, Obstetrical, Paediatric, Gynaecological and Dental Out-patients' clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) Hospital Services.

Fever. Cases of infectious disease requiring hospital treatment are admitted to Isolation Hospitals at Cambridge, Peterborough or Ely.

General Hospital Services were provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

Maternity Cases were admitted to Primrose Lane Maternity Hospital, Huntingdon and Mill Road Hospital, Cambridge.

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Sanitary Circumstances in the Area

1. Water Supply.

The new 500,000 gallon water tower on Houghton Hill was completed and brought into service during the year. This enabled the householders in the higher parts of the Borough to obtain water at a good pressure, and also enabled the Council to lift the restriction on building operations.

Work was also commenced on the laying of the new 10" main into the Borough from the main supplying Ramsey Urban District Council

New mains were laid on the new estates during the year as they became necessary.

All the houses in the area are now provided with mains water, the last house which had a well supply was connected during the year.

Main Supply.

Quality	...	...	...	...	Satisfactory
Samples taken	...	...	...	...	10
Estimated number of premises on supply —					—
	Direct				1,408
	Standpipe				12
Estimated population served —					—
	Direct				4,284
	Standpipe				36

Other Samples.

Samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	6
Samples found unfit	...	...	...	...	...	6
Estimated number of premises on well supply						0
Estimated population served by well	...				...	0

2. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Approval was received in principle for the start to the Council's proposed Main Drainage Scheme and the Consulting Engineers were instructed to carry out the necessary detailed surveys and to prepare the contract documents for tender.

Land-owners had expressed willingness to sell land for pumping stations and works.

The extension to the sewers in Houghton Road and the improvements to the Pound Ground Sewage Plant were both completed during the year.

3. Rivers and Streams.

Minor works were undertaken during the year.

4. Closet Accommodation.

The collection of night-soil from the few remaining houses needing this service was undertaken by the Rural District Council under contract. The number was again reduced and is such that the Council is proposing to discontinue the service in March, 1963.

5. Public Cleansing.

The neighbouring Rural District Council has again carried out the refuse collection satisfactorily. The number of dust-bins increased during the year, and the figure will increase again during the coming year.

6. Swimming Pool.

Meetings of the Joint Committee took place and it was decided to purchase approximately $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in Pig Lane as the site for a new Swimming Pool.

7. Shops' Act.

No infringements were found during the year.

8. Caravan Site.

Many caravans on the new Site were occupied during the year, and the Site was very well maintained and run.

9. Smoke Abatement.

One infringement was found during the year but the owner quickly remedied the trouble when his attention was drawn to the matter.

10. Bed Bugs.

No reports of infestations were received during the year and no premises were found to be infested.

11. Rat and Mice Destruction.

Complaints of rat and mice infestation were dealt with as they arose.

12. Petroleum Acts.

The number of licences issued during the year was as follows:-

Over 1,000 gallons	2
500—1,000 gallons	8
Under 500 gallons	10

Proceedings were taken against a garage proprietor for selling petrol without a licence and he was fined by the Court. The sale has since been discontinued.

13. Slaughterhouse.

After efforts to purchase land for the proposed new slaughterhouse had failed, the Council make a Compulsory Purchase Order. Objections were received as a result of which the Council varied the Order. The Order had not been confirmed by the end of the year.

Plans and workings drawings were all being prepared ready for tender.

14. Noise Abatement.

Complaints were received concerning the ringing of chimes on ice cream vans after 7 p.m. This practice ceased when the matter was taken up with the vendor.

INSPECTIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES ACTS.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6	10	28	Nil	Nil
(2) Section 7	39	60	Nil	Nil
Total	49	88	Nil	Nil

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
Overcrowding (S.2)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(a) insufficient	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(b) unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Other Offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork).	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

ICE CREAM

Number of Retailers on register	...	...	17
Number of Inspections	...	...	50

MEAT AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE

100% meat inspection has been maintained and the following table shows the number of animals killed, carcasses and offal inspected and condemned.

		Cattle including Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	..	885	2	1500	3157
Number inspected	..	885	2	1500	3157
(All diseases except tuberculosis):—					
Whole carcasses condemned	..	—	—	—	10
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	..	215	—	—	192
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis	..	24.2	—	—	6.39
(Tuberculosis only):—					
Whole carcasses condemned	..	—	—	—	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	..	—	—	—	23
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	..	—	—	—	.76
Cysticercosis:—					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	..	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	..	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	..	—	—	—	—

WEIGHTS OF CONDEMNED MEAT,

		Number killed	Number of whole carcasses	Condemnations		Total Weight
Cattle	..	885	—	—	3547 lb.	3547 lb.
Calves	..	2	—	—	—	—
Sheep and Lambs	..	1500	—	—	—	—
Pigs	..	3157	11	982 lb.	1668 lb.	2650 lb.
Total	..	5544	11	982 lb.	5215 lb.	6197 lb.

Total number of animals killed 5,544.

Total weight of meat condemned 2 ton 15 cwt. 2 st.
9 lbs.

All condemned meat is taken from the slaughterhouse for sterilisation by a Contractor.

FOOD CONDEMNED DURING 1962

	lb.	oz.
Corned Beef	12	0
Ham	60	0
Corned Mutton	6	0
Pork Shoulder	31	10
Cod Fillets	36	0
Ox Liver	63	0
Pig Kidney	7	12
Ox Kidney	2	4
Lamb Livers	10	0

Packets

Fish Fingers	39
Plaice	4
Peas	36
Fish Cakes	8
Puff Pastries	7
Peas and Carrots	7
Eclairs	3
Sponges	4
Arctic Rolls	4
Brussels Sprouts	11
Beans	4
Potato Chips	2
Mousse	8
Potato Ruffles	3
Blocks of Ice Cream	31

No.

Broilers	2,338
Hens	850
Poussins	64
Capens	18

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

BAKEHOUSES

There is only one bakehouse in the Borough and this has been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

FOOD PREMISES

Inspections have been made at frequent intervals of all the food premises in the Borough, which generally are maintained in a very satisfactory condition.

HOUSING

New Houses.

The number of new houses erected during the year was as follows:-

Council	28
Private	78

Overcrowding.

No cases of overcrowding were reported during the year.

INSPECTION AND ACTION DURING THE YEAR

Number of houses found to be in state unfit for habitation	...	2
Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was signed to render the premises fit for habitation	...	0
Number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was signed that the premises owned would not be relet for habitation	...	2
Number of houses found unfit and upon which a Closing Order was made	...	0
Number of houses found unfit and upon which a Demolition was made	...	0
Number of houses found to be unfit where owner voluntarily agreed not to relet	...	0

Grants.

During the year 9 applications were made for Standard Grants, 8 were approved and 1 was later withdrawn by the applicants. Two applications were made for Discretionary Grants, one of which was approved.

J. G. REESON,
Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

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